

PPB 13-1730

19 December 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller

SUBJECT: COINS Users Training Plan

1. Some time ago we encouraged [] COINS Project Manager to consider asking CIA to develop a comprehensive training plan for users of COINS. As you are aware, [] sent a memo (copy attached) to the Director, CIA in which he discussed the need for a training plan but did not request CIA help. Rather, [] interpreted informal discussions to constitute an "offer" by CIA to do the job. Therefore, his memo did not provide a base for action.

2. We drafted an alternative memo (copy attached) on the subject. This draft memo was addressed to the Director of Central Intelligence from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence). [] found this approach unacceptable and complained to [] about CIA's uncooperative attitude.

3. Meanwhile, [] received an offer from NSA's Cryptologic School regarding COINS training. He has now decided that he will accept this offer. He called me on 17 December to inform me of his intentions and to tell me that he will send a memo cancelling his original memo. When I receive this promised memo I will attempt a memo for record which recounts the events of this unfortunate incident.

Attachments
As Stated

NSA Review Completed.



NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755

17 October 1973

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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, CIA

SUBJECT: Formal Training Program for COINS Users

1. By discussion with [redacted] CIA, COINS Subsystem Managers, and [redacted] of the CIA school, we understand that CIA is willing to have its Information Science Training Program develop a training plan, with assistance from other COINS participants, and serve as the main source for providing formal inter-agency training to the COINS Community users.

2. We are most appreciative of this offer and recognize that the degree of implementation of the final training program at your training facilities will depend upon the availability of resources.

3. The purpose of this memorandum is to formally document our need for such training and suggest 1 January 1974 as a completion date for the first draft of the training plan. I offer the support of my Project Management Office's Users Support Group to assist in your development of the plan and will also assist in arranging for additional support from other COINS participants as may be required to promote its completion.

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COINS Project Manager

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